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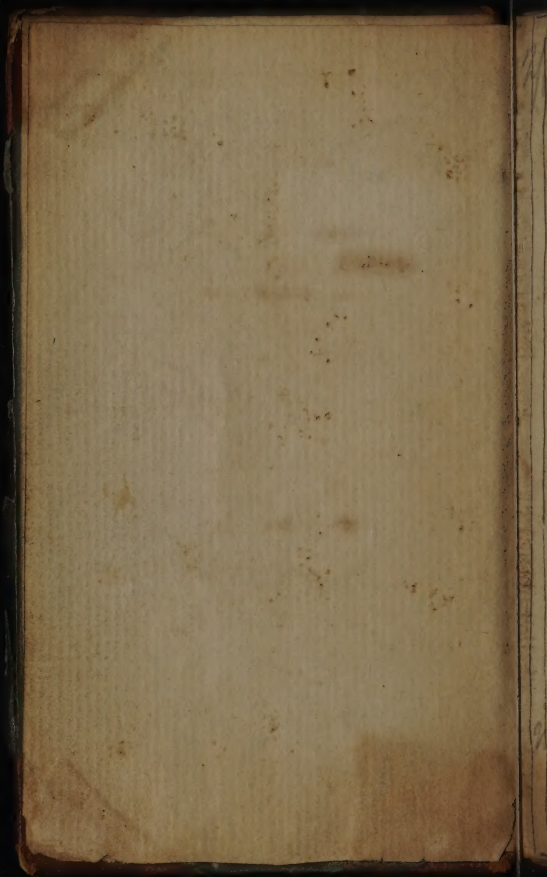
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Philosophia Maturata :

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Exact Piece of Philosophy,

Containing

The ~~Practick and Operative~~ part
thereof in gaining the ~~Philosophical~~
~~Stone~~ ;

With the wayes how to make
the *Mineral Stone*, and the *Calcination*
of *Mettals*.

Whereunto is added ,

A Work Compiled by
St. *Dunstan* , concerning the
~~Philosophical Stone~~ ,

And the experiments of *Ramelius*
and Preparations of *Angelo*
Sala, all most famous
Chymists in their time.

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A Preface relating to the life of
St. *Dunstan*, the
Author.

HOW reverent an
Esteem Antiquity
bath had of this holy man
wil appear, in that so ma-
ny famous Authors have
written concerning him,
to wit the Author of the
Brittish Antiquities; Hi-
story of Great Brittain;
Malmsbury, and Mat.
West-

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Westminster. He lived about the year of our Lord 946. having been at first a Monk, after that Abbot of Glastonbury, then Bishop of Worcester, next of London, and finally Archbishop of Canterbury: As to the Religious part of his life, it was so exemplary, that after ages even to this time have esteemed it miraculous: He flourished in the Reigns of Edred or Eldred, Edwin and Edgar three Kings of England.

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land. In Edwins Reign
he was Banished; during
which time the King by
the Rebellion of his Sub-
jects was deprived both
of his life and Kingdom,
whom Edgar succeeding,
highly favoured and pro-
moted. He Crown'd Edw.
King at Kingston, this
Edward was surnamed
the Martyr, being mur-
thered by the procure-
ment of Queen Elfrida.
After whose death Ethel-
dred was Crowned King
by Dunstan, with whom
also

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also he *was* so much in
favour that he preferred
him before all his Nobles
and laid up all his richest
royal Householdstuff, Char-
ters and Records with all
his Wealth and Treasure
in his Monastery, so that
all things were in his
power, the King without
his advice doing no-
thing either in the pub-
lick affairs of the King-
dom or in his own pri-
vate negotiations: And
as he stood thus in his
Royal Masters favour,
with

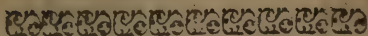
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with all fidelity to that great esteem he employed his endeavours to enrich religious places either by the Danes wasted; or by himself founded: in this manner did our Author by the favour of his Prince attain the highest honors, and surely not without great merit, his extraordinary acquired parts and learning, deserving greater Eulogyes then this narrow scanning of Paper can allow room for. At last full of honour and
dayes

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dayes and replete with
the grace and affection of
his Prince, he received
his *Quietus* est from the
cares of this world to en-
joy the happiness of a
better, leaving behind
him the pattern of his
Religion, vertue and
learning for the world to
imitate, a tast whereof
you have in the ensuing
discourses. Et sic Vive
& Vale Lector.

To



To the Understanding Reader.

THOU art here presented with an ingenious peice of curious Art which may well be entituled *An exact Piece of Philosophy*, for its subject is of such a nature as none but such as are φιλοσόφοι *Lovers of Wisdom*, are able to comprehend, and that hath made some even pretenders to Learning cry out, That the Philosophers Stone is indeed an invaluable Gemme, but such as deserves only to pass among nominal, not real Jewels, but it would be a toylsom work, and to as little purpose as *certare de lana caprina*, to give an answer to such Anomalus Caprichio's.

The following tract (there is no doubt) will yeild great satisfaction to all such as knowingly
pursue

To the Reader.

pursue this kind of Philosophy, especially when they shall consider the eminency of its Author, for it bears in front the Reverend Character of Learned *Dunstan*, of whom the present world, at least those therein that have conversed in this Science, cannot but know, that he was as exact as diligent, and so diligent, that none before, nor hardly any since did ever arrive herein to equal perfections with him.

But why should we waste time in making Eulogyes of him, of whom not only antiquity, but even the wickedness of the present age speak both great and honourable things, (to give them no greater a Title) Let the Work it self advance (as no doubt it will) its own praise, for its Author needed not the stilts of a vain-glorious sustentation, *Farewell.*

L. C.



AN

Exact Piece of PHYLOSOPHY.

*Touching the Stone of
Phylosophers.*

IT is chiefly to be understood, That the Ancient Phylosophers did often endeavour to compose in a most short time above the Earth, those
 B things,

things, which by Nature, in many years, were perfected under the Earth; viz. To make most perfect and most pretious *Sol* and *Lune*; wherein they imitated the footsteps of Nature, choosing to themselves most pure Earths, white and Red, which they named their *Sol* and *Lune*; joyning them together as Nature doth, without repugnance, untill at length they were brought to a fixation and subtilty: This thing also is needfull for you to perform, if you desire to obtain the desired end in this Science.

h: 65 For *Sol* and *Lune*, is nothing else, but Red and white Earth, to which Nature

ture hath perfectly joyned
Argent vive, pure, subtile,
 white, and Red, and so of
 them hath produced *Sol* and
Lune.

It is therefore needfull
 for thee, seeking this *Science*,
 That first thou get these
 Earths, White and Red,
 subtile, pure and fixed, and
 in these two Earths to fix
 two *Mercuries*, white in the
 white, and red in the red,
 without division, and by
 their least parts, so as they
 may endure the greatest
examen of the fire, and may
 have such fusion, that as we
 see a great quantity of Wa-
 ter coloured with a little
 Saffron, so they may in the
 least quantity abundantly

tinge every mettall, and all metalline spirits whatsoever, so as they be of the same Kind and Nature, and may altogether and fully bring them to their own quality.

And moreover, that in themselves they may be infinitely multiplied, and able to free the body of Man from the worst and most deadly Diseases; which Properties truly are not found in common *Sol* and *Lune*, without great Labour, (and yet but onely in part) because that the Vegetative power, the Mother of all increase, for the most part, is long since extinct in them.

If

If thou know how to perform this, and to imitate the condition of the inferiour nature in making Mettals, thou mayst worthily rejoyce in the name of a *Phylosopher*, as being not meanly expert in natural things.

It is to be noted, That the more Antient *Phylosophers* used not common *Sol* and *Lune* in this Work, and therefore they said, That their work needed not great Cost and Charges, but that it might be as well performed by the Poor, as the Rich: Which were altogether different from the truth, if it could not be performed without Common *Sol* and *Lune*: For they are very

pretious and rare, and hardly to be gotten of poor men without great labour. Indeed, many have brought great quantities of *Sol* and *Lune* to nothing by this Art, and have unprofitably spent and wasted their Time and Labour, to the destruction both of their Bodies and Souls, which is much to be lamented.

Moreover, in these our Times, we know no man who doth diligently and truly find out the Philosophers Tinctures, but most of them labour absurdly and vainly in vulgar *Mercury*, and in common *Sol* and *Lune*; therefore few of them obtain this grace.

Let

Let us take heed ; for although *Sol* and *Lune* may be subtilated and mixed with tinctures , and so reduced into lesser tinctures and Elixers with mean profit ; yet the true way according to the Doctrine of Philosophers, is not in them : for *Sol* and *Lune* are two tinctures Principal , red and white, buried in one and the
 ‡ same body, which by nature were never brought to perfect compliment , yet they are separable from their dirt and earthy accidentall dross, and afterward according to their proper qualities, are made most fit ferments for pure earth, white and red , so as in no sort
 B. 4. they.

they are said to need any other thing.

‡ For the whole Work is one, and the thing it self is one, and all the whole is derived from ^{one} an Image. For our Ancestors knew, that the parts of this our Stone are celestially and concrete; which were altogether absurd, if common *Sol* and *Lune* were needfull to the composition thereof.

‡ For it is said, Take a body wherein is *Argent vive*, pure, clean, unspotted, and incompleat of Nature: such a body after its compleat and perfect cleansing, is much better then the Bodies of Mineral *Sol* and *Lune*.

Of this self-same body, which

Ripley which is the matter of the Stone, three things are chiefly said; namely, that it is a green Lyon, a stinking Gumme, and a white Fume.

But this is spoken of Philosophers, purposely to deceive Folks, and to bring them into doubts, by the many and different names.

But understand thou shalt, one thing alwaies is really signified, though accidentally and by names it is said to be three: for the *green Lyon*, *stinking Liquor*, and *white Fume*, are spoken of one and the same subject, wherein they altogether lie hid, untill by Art they are made manifest.

By the *green Lion*, all Philosophers mean *green Sol* multipliable and spermatick, which is as yet incomplete by Nature, having power to reduce Bodies to the first matter, and to make fixed things spirituall and flying, and so it is fitly called a *Lion*.

For as every Beast is subject to the *Lion*, so every Metalline body is confirmed and strengthened by the power of this Liony and green Sol; namely, of our *Mercury*, when it is Philosophically prepared.

This is bred and born with a certain water, which we call *Argent vive* of the Philosophers, and white *Mercury*.

Mercury : Therefore their
 water White and Red, gi-
 veth unto us two tinctures,
 white and red, proceeding
 from one body and sub-
 stance: These are alwaies
 named our Mercuries ; and
 after due conjunction, de-
 coction, and digestion, we
 call our White and Red
Stones. ~~stones~~

By the *stinking gumme*,
 we mean a certain stinking
 smell, proceeding from the
 unclean Body in the first di-
 stillation, which is altoge-
 ther like unto stinking *Assa-*
fatida, that with a certain
 sweetness, whercof it is said
 before its preparation, its
 smell is grievous; which is
 most certain: but after that,

in a due manner it shall be prepared and circulated into any quintessence.

† This dignified matter of Philosophers abounds with unspeakable sweetness, having power to cure the Leprosie, and other grievous Diseases; and without this our living *Sol*, it is impossible to make *aurum potable*, to cure with; which of Philosophers is called the *Exercise of Life*, and of Metaphysicians.

Yet I deny not, but that Philosophers may very well and with good success, dissolve Mineral *Lune* and *Sol* with radical things of their own kind, and as yet not perfected by Nature, and so may attain

attain to the highest myſterie
of this Art.

But certainly it is not for
every mean Wit; it is for
Princes who do moſt abound
with *Sol* and *Lune*: but this
way is univerſally open and
lawfull unto all men, yet
chiefly for poor men, as be-
ing more brief, and of leſſe
Coſt.

It is called a *white Fume*,
becauſe that in the firſt di-
ſtillation, before the red
tincture doth aſcend, there
riſeth a fume tru'y white,
whereby the receiver is
clouded with a frequent
milkish ſhadow and moy-
ſture, for which cauſe it is
called the *Virgins Milk*.
Wherefore, whereſoever
thou .

thou shalt find a substance
endued with these three
qualities, know that it is the
— true matter of the Philoso-
— phers Stone. /: ‡ :/

There ariseth a Question
very difficult, which much
troubleth fantastick Heads,
viz. our Stone sheweth it
self in a foul shape, because
it is in every thing, and in
every place; whence ma-
ny men reading this, make
choice of several and stink-
ing things, which with great
labour they distil, calcine, &
joyn together. But let such
hear what the Phisosophers
say, *who so seeks the Philoso-*
phers Secrets in Turds looseth
his Labour, and in the end
finds nothing but deceit. —

Yet

Yet there is also another thing which troubleth these mens Brains, viz. our Stone is bred between two Mountains, it is cast out into the Dunghill, and trodden under mens feet, it is counted a most vile and contemptible thing, it is generated between Male and Female, and lieth hide in Thee, in Me, and in such like things. And contrarily it is said, Our Stone cannot be in things differing from its kind, namely, from the Nature of *Sol* and *Lune*; for nothing can give that which it hath not. A Nettle cannot produce a Rose, nor a Woman a Dog; How then shall we resolve so many

many doubts rising from Contrarieties?

Truly, it is easily done; for it is plain, That nothing in this World, whether it be Animal, Vegetable, or Mineral, can be generated without a natural and a special appetite.

Therefore according to the Doctrine of Philosophers, which informs us only by obscure Examples; We must understand that the Stone may be by Similitude in every thing, and in all places, chiefly, because it is nothing else but a specifical vertue and quality joyned with natural heat, whereby every compounded thing is brought to his perfectest determined end. Things

Things generally spoken
are alwaies generally to be
understood, for what earth-
ly thing can be in every
thing, and in all places, but
only a specifical Appetite,
and a natural Heat; for
these are the immediate and
near causes without which
the Stone cannot be.

Whosoever therefore
desireth to understand the
Stone, let him not depart
from his specifical quality
and Original.

Of a Man cometh a Man,
of a Rose a Rose; so like-
wise from a matter which is
potentially Gold, having
things necessary, and Excre-
ments purged, ariseth Sol by
an inward Appetite; there-
fore

fore from a Mettal ariseth a multitude of metalline tincture and perfection: The

Mt Stone is made of a mettall, living, hot and moist, when

S natural heat is joyned with it, whereby it is made apt to generate its like. For our Stone is most pure matter, viz. the nature of *Sol*, containing in it self a vegetable heat, whereby it hath power and vertue alwaies to multiply in its own specifical and natural form; therefore it is called the secret


S Fire of nature, stirring up the compound, and perfecting it in our Glasse into a Stone, in like manner as seed, by reason of its own proper naturall heat, and radicall moisture,

moisture, ⁱⁿ ~~it~~ its mother Earth doth putrifie to admirable Generation and Multiplication.

Whosoever therefore keeps not this our heat, our fire, our balnium, our invifible and most temperate flame, and of one regiment, and continually burning in one quality and measure within our Glasse; I say, whosoever understands not this Dunghill, horfebelly, and moist fire, shall labour ^{but} in vain, and shall never attain this Science. —

Thou seeft therefore that the radical humidity, which is that first vegetable Ver- tue, is the cause of multiplication of every thing in its kind.

kind. Therefore ~~of~~ the
Composition of *Sol* and *Lune*
~~but~~ take our burning water, that

 *Aqua vite*, which the igno-
rant do think, but falsly, to
be extracted from Wine,
Oyl, and such like Li-
quors. / *no from* ~~the~~ ϕ & θ /

M ~~q~~ I say, such green *Sol* and
Lune, in which the vegetable
vertue is not extinguished,
but is living, hot and moist,
~~and~~ hath power to reduce all
Bodies to their vegetability;
for by this, with Gods per-
mission, bodies extinct, and
not multipliable, may more
easily get the habit and ver-
tue to germinate, which of
Phylosophers is called the
beginning and team from
whence the Stone is genera-
ted. Marie

Marie the Prophetesse in
 an Epistle to Aroz^s, writeth,
 That the Body taken from ~~the~~^{the}
 little Mountains, is a Body
 white and clear, not suffering
 putrefaction nor motion, and
 it is that which is generated be-
 tween Male and Female; By
 those little Mountains is un-
 derstood ~~the~~^{the} Sol and Lune, which
 are naturally separated from
 us by a great distance, by
 whose influence Gold and
Silver are generated, both
 which are in our Mercur-
 ry. */: potentially:/*

By Male and Female, we
 understand Agent and Pati-
ent, Active and Passive, both
 which are also in our active
Mercury, and in our Passive
Earth.

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Whereby

de la Brue Whereby, without
 doubt, is inferred, that a
m mineral Earth and Water s
 are the Active and Passive
 matter, ~~as~~ the Philosophers
Stone. And here hence
 appears that community be-
 tween the Poor and Rich;
 // seeing that the Stone may be
 // made of one thing, without
 // visible Sol and Lune:

But here by the way, I
 advertise thee, that betwixt
 the Elixer and the Stone
 there is this difference; for
 the Stone rejoyceth in unity
 and simplicity, but the Elix-
 er in plurality.

The Stone therefore is
not one thing, our Mercury, Sol,
Lune, our Lincture white
m and red, which may be na-
 turally

naturally joyned with its own *NB.*
proper Earth, or with the —
Earth taken from the little —
Mountains, ^{from C or D} and may easily —
 be obtained by mortal men. —
 But the Elixer is the same
vegetable Mercury, which ~~but~~:
 yet by reason of its fixation,
 is said not to be common,
 but consisting of many ^{to} things,
 for it is absolutely
 fix'd in the Earth of com-
 mon *Sol* and *Lune*: And
 therefore it alwayes con-
 sisteth of many things, viz.
 of Mercury vegetable, and ~~but~~:
 of a different Earth, which ψ
 is neither Common nor fit
 for poor men. But of this
 Earth, it is not much to be
 respected of what substance
 it is, so it be fix'd.

Alphidius

Alphidius is of the same Opinion, saying, *The Faces, from whence this Earth is taken, seeing it is of no value, is altogether to be rejected, and the Mercury to be planted*
 O-*In another subtil Earth: For its own Earth is seldom natural in the composition of the Elixer.*

Yet, my Friend, I will name it to thee by its own Name, whereby the common People name it; and it is the end of the Egg, whereby we understand the nature of Mettals, viz. *Mer-*
 △*cury* rightly mix'd by Nature, with its own sulphur, of its own accord inclined by putrefaction and growing.

From

From this Egg, three things must be considered; namely, The Yolk, the White, and the Shell; and this last is only and altogether necessary for Phylosophers, which is called the end of the Egg; that is, the last part, rejoycing in perfection, having the likeness of a little Mountain, and also generated between Male and Female; which when it is perfectly calcined it exceeds all Earths whatsoever in whiteness and subtilty, enduring the greatest fire, embracing Tincture, and desiring a metal in Nature, which is hardly believed of Workers in the Art, unless they being

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Dissolution of the Egg-shell

overcome by experience the
 Mistress of things, that they
 be compelled to confesse and
 admire it. But another
 Earth, wherein there is
 any Mercurial humidity,
 will not drink up our Mer-
cury with so much greediness,
 and therefore it is
 not so commodious; the reason
 is, because it aboundeth
 with its proper and natural
 humidity, but ^{calced Egg-shell} this hath not
such, for its humidity was
 naturally transferred to the
 generation and union of the
 White and the Yolk.

Yet we deny not, that this
 vertue is necessary, yet profitable
 for the preservation
 of man's Body, which is derived
 from the outward
 parts

parts to the inward, yet so
as it be mixed with the Elix-
er of life; this Earth is ^{Egg -}
wholly contemned, when ^{Shell's}
the matter included is cor-
rupted, and is cast out on
the Dunghill, and every
where troden under foot,
and accounted unprofita-
ble.

Sometimes I desiring to
try whether it would joyn
with our unctious humidity: *but:* or
I put it thereto, which it ^{was}
drunk up with so great ap-
petite as that it seemed
spongiuous, & a most fat con-
gealation, rather then an
Earth naturally naked;
from which when I had
gently evaporated *Mercury*,
it remained very Citron. *NB.*

Here I will end and shew
what matter, and what way
of practice is necessary for
this Work and Art.

*Of the Practick, and Ope-
rative Part.*

Ripley's book
 or *less* $\frac{1}{2}$ In the Name of God take
 a $\frac{1}{2}$ ~~Drop~~ of the ^{most} Green Lyon,
 which I have mentioned be-
 fore, and dissolve him in di-
 still'd Vinegar, ^{marine} very well for
 ten dayes, stirring the Com-
 pound strongly three times
 every day, that it may be
 well mixed: then separate
 the Fœces three times by fil-
 ter; afterward evaporate
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Θ : the Vineger with a gentle
 fire, untill it be thick as
 Pitch

Pitch, then pour it out, and keep it safe.

Having 12 pounds of the Green Lyon thus brought into Gum, thou may'st believe, that thou halt seen Earth of Earth, and the Brother of Earth, whereof Philosophers have so often spoken; put thereof three pound into a Glass, whose third part may contain at least four Sextaries of Wine: put it into a Furnace with Sand, so as the Sand may be two fingers thick under the Glass, and about and above the Matter; then the matter being a little dried with a gentle heat, put a Receiver not yet luted thereto: after a few hours, having received a

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See De
cathole
the alch. chem.

certain light Water, when thou seest a certain white Fume begin to ascend, put thereto another most long & most large Receiver, which lay close, least the Spirits break forth, which are most necessary in this Work.

Note also, that from the first appearing of the White Fume, the fire must be discreetly increased by little and little: This same tingeth the Receiver with a certain thick and milky humidity which is our ^{subl.} Lume, and therewith shal also ascend a most red³³ oyl, called the Philo-
sophers aereal Gold, a stinking Menstruum, the Philo-
sophers Sol, our Tincture, Burning water, the Blood of
the Green

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on acc^t of the 200th 33
Urbinus.
D. Ripley.

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Green Lyon, our unctious
humidity, which is the last
comfort of Man's Body in
this Life; the Philosophers
Mercury, the Solutive Wa-
ter, which dissolveth *sol* un-
der conservation of its Spe-
cies; it hath also many other
Names.

Continue this Distillati-
on from the first appearance
of the white Fume 12 hours
following: then remove the
Receiver, and stop it close,
lest the Spirits be lost, which
are very volatile and pene-
trative: And thus thou hast

the Bloud of the Green Ly-
on, called *The Secret Water*,
and most sharp Vinegar, by
which all Bodies may be re-
duced to their first Matter,

-and purgeth Man's Body
-from all Infirmities.

the Red This is ³³our Fire always
^{so} equally burning in one

^{or} measure within the Glass,
-and not without: This is

-our Dung-hill, our Aqua-

-vitæ, our Balmy, our Horse-

-belly, working and produ-

-cing many Wonders in the

-most secret Work of Na-

-ture: It is also the Exami-

-ner of all Bodies dissolved,

-and not dissolved; a Fire

⁷ hot and moist, most sharp, a

Water-carrying Fire ³³ in its

Belly; otherwise it could

-not have power to dissolve

-Bodies into their first Mat-

-ter: This is ^{so}our Mercury,

³³our Sol,our ^{but}Lune, which we

use in our Secret Work.

⁷ *but: whereas the 33 has Take*

Take the Fœces left in the
bottom, as soon as they are
cold ; for they are our
Cross-Bill, far blacker then
Pitch, which thou may'st set
on fire, by putting a kindled
Cole into it ; so as they shall
be calcined of their own ac-
cord into a most Yellow
Earth : But this Calcina-
tion sufficeth not for its per-
fect cleansing ; put it there-
fore into a Reverberatory,
with a moderate heat, for
eight dayes, and so many
Nights following, increa-
sing the heat and flame, till
it be white as Snow ; they
may also be calcined in a
Potters Furnace, being
meanly hot.

this explains G.

Ripley, Chymical book II

Having this white Earth,
 thou may'st putrifie and al-
 ter it, or the Calxes of other
 Metals prepared, as I will
 teach you in that which fol-
 loweth, at thy pleasure, into
 a new Whiteness or Red-
 ness, by meanes of our *Lune*
 or *Mercury*, which putrifieth
 with them by Generation,
 and Vegetation; which
 Properties they wanted be-
 fore: for the Philosophers
 say, first calcine, then pu-
 trifie and dissolve; distill,
 sublime, descent, and fix of-
 ten with our *Aquavita*; wash
 and dry, and make a Mar-
 riage between the Body and
 the Spirit; and if the Water
 be congealed, by a natural
 commixture with the Body,
 then

then the Body shall dye of
the Flux, shedding its bloud,
and putting on many Co-
lours; after the third Day,
he shall ascend and descend,
first to the Moon, then to the
Sun, through the round O-
cean Sea; and without end,
sitting in a very little Ship;
and when his Journey is
ended, he shall immediately
obtain the Victory, for do-
ing whereof, there shall not
need any great expence: *As*
And thus thou may'st wait
again patiently the Harvest,
and thou should be fill'd
with Joy and Riches. And
now we will speak of Putre-
faction.

Take an ounce of this
Calx hidden before in the
or Calcin'd Or *Ver* Phi-

Philosophers egg, and thereon
^{the Red 30 or 32 a barrel.}
 — put of the red tincture to
 — cover it two fingers; then
 — seal it, and set it to putrifie
 8 ^{or} eight daies in a most cold
 — place; which being ended,
 — it will drink up the humidi-
 — ty; again pour on as much
 — of the tincture, and let it
 — stand as before for other
 8 ^{or} eight daies, continuing again
 — the said imbibitions and
 — times: let it stand till it cease
 — to drink any more tincture;
 — remove it not from its place,
 — untill it be blacker then any
 — pitch; which being seen,
 — set it into a ^{hermetic} natural balmy,
 — that the moisture with the
 — black Earth may be digest-
 — ed, and fixed into a white
 R Mineral: then divide it into
 two

two equal parts, and work
the one for the white, and
the other for the red stone:
which thou shalt thus easily
perform; Ferment the one—
part with the oyl of *Lune*,
that is, with white water,
and the other part with the
oyl of *Sol*, that is, with the
red water; and so by greater
heat and digestion, it shall
be converted into a most red
powder, like Dragons blood.

This powder being joyn-
ed with a part of our *Mer-*
cury, and circulated, is call-
ed *Aurum Potabile*, Elixer
of life and of *Mettalls*, which
transmuteth *Mercury* and all
imperfect mettals into most
perfect *Sol*. after *Determi-*
nation with *C* in the *E*

But

But here learn a general
 Rule; If thou ordain the
 Elixer only for the white,
 then keep one part ^{of} the
 red work, distill the other
 part with a gentle fire, ta-
 king the white water, which
 we call our white tincture,
 our Eagle, our white Mer-
cury, and Virgins milk, and
 having these two Mercuries,
 thou mayst practise with
 them, either upon their own
 Earths, or upon the calxes of
Mettals prepared. *AB: O-D*

For it is said, The Earth
 is not much to be respected,
 so that it be fix'd. There-
 fore take which thou wilt,
 being first altered into
 whiteness; and for the white
 work, you may ferment thus;
 Take

Take the Calx of *Lune*
 and ^{our} Earth ^{calcined} altered, equall
 parts, grind them together,
 and temper them with white ^{but} Mercury, named *Virgins* ^{so}
 milk, which keep safe; sub- ^{or}
 lime the rest not fixed, and ^{but}
 that which arise: h to the
 sides of the glafs, like *Mer-*
cury sublimed, reiterate up-
 on his proper calxes, grind-
 ing and tempering with our
 Virgins milk, distilling and
 subliming as before, untill no
 fire will raise it.

This ^{is} our *Mercury* subli-
 med and fixed, made of the
 whit. Earth of bodi-s alter-
 ed, arising at first admirably
 by the vertue and help of
 water.

This

accusation of display

multipt:
This is that *Mercury*, instead of which the unlearned take the compounded of common *Mercury*, *Vitriol*, and *Sol* sublimed; wherein they are deceived: when this is thus fixed into white earth, it is afterward calcined, whereof is made an Elixer or stone as followeth; Put it into a circulatorie, and pour thereon Virgins milk to cover it, then circulate it to the thickness of oyl, by drying and calcining it, as often as thou wilt, for by this means it may be augmented infinitely.

But before thou make projection, congeal it into an oily powder, one part thereof converts thousand, nay ten

ten thousand parts of *Argent vive*, and the other Mettals into pure *Lune*, enduring all trialls.

In like manner thou shalt work with the Red Water $\alpha\alpha$ upon the calx of Metals, by \odot fermenting and subliming upon the calx of Sol altered.

And note, That thou canst have no perfect ferment, untill it be altered with *Mercurie* from their first qualities, into a new whitenesse and rednesse by means of Putrifaction and alteration, which before it wanted.

But when after putrifaction, it shall be reduced into Whiteness, then it becomes spiritual, and is more

apt

apt to joyn better with our
Mercurie sublimed natural-
ly, and by the least parts,
and also to be fixed toge-
ther inseparably ; which
would not be so naturall, if
one part were fixed, and the
other part to be separa-
red.

Moreover, when spirits
have not vertue to penetrate
bodies, nor bodies appetite
to imbrace spirits, it is im-
possible that they should be
joyned by their least parts.

But contrarily, when fer-
ments are made spirituall,
then spirits will joyn with
spirits, and the body which
was most perfectly fix'd, is
naturally disposed, and in-
clined to return to his for-
mer

mer fixation ; which without doubt cannot possibly be in bodies which were never perfectly fix'd, but the body before fixation, desiring a solid habit and fixation, draweth with him, and into his disposition, all spirits whatsoever, which are joyned with him, and not degenerating as *Sulphur vive*, *Arsnick* sublimed, *Bale-Armonick*, and such like.

Common Mercury sublimed, may very well be joyned with spiritual ferments, which with calx of ferment not altered, will never be perfectly joyned.

Therefore this part of natural Philosophy excludeth all citrinations and dealba-

dealbations, which were not
— produced by a perfect alte-
— ration before the tincture,
— were joyned to their bodies
— and spirits.

— For nothing can be made
— an *Elixer*, untill it hath pass'd
— the Philosophical Wheel;
{ which being unknown, all
labour comes to nothing.

Of

Of the abbreviation of the Work.

Wherein almost all Elixers are contained, and the wayes to make them.

be used *Ch. 6*, see p: 48.

The First Abbreviation.

Green or blue / 3 or 4 /

TAke Vitriol, calcine it into ashes, then beat them into most subtile powder; put them in an Urinal, and pour thereto Virgins *but* Milk to cover them, stop *&* the Urinal with a Linnen *simp* cloth, and let it stand eight dayes,

dayes, then adde thereto as
but much of the aforesaid Milk,
 & reiterating this from eight
impl dayes to eight dayes, and
 when it will drink no more,
let it stand in a cold place,
close stopt, untill a certain
 Cristalline earth like Fishes
 eyes, appear in the upper
 part thereof, which seperate
 from the gross part remain-
 ing in the bottom, which
 put into the Philosophers
 Egg to digest discretely un-
 till it be perfectly fixed.

— Then increase the fire, till
 — it be perfect yellow, and
 — then again increase the fire,
 — until it be red as Dragons
 — blood: Then add to this a
 & part of red Mercury, to co-
 digest it, and congeal it by cir-
the Red do. culation

culation into Oyl, and after-
ward into Powder, and do
thus three times.

Project one part of this Powder upon forty of most pure Lune, melted with one part of most fine Sol, and it shall be converted into most pure Sol : or if you project it upon Amalgum of Mercury and Sol, or of Mercury and Lune, it shall be more certain, and more plenti-
full.

But if thou wilt have Gold most perfect, and most high, take the Elixer out of the Egg, put it in an Urinal, and poure upon of the fore-
said red Mercury, equally compounded, and mixed with a strong Corrasive
made.

made of Vitriol and Sulphur, which evaporate from the Elixer with a most gentle fire, and by this means the tincture of the one water and of the other, shall be fixed with the Elixer, by augmenting its quantity and colour; which being often repeated, the Elixer shall be converted into the form of Oyl, in which if you quench Lamins of Lune nealed, they shall be throughout ting'd into most perfect Sol, which being melted with a part of most pure Gold, it shall be purer then any common Gold.

But if you take as much of the white Earth of Mars altered as before, of Vitriol,
calced

Vitriol, fixing it upon the calx of *Sol* altered, and afterward rubified, and then convert it into Oyl as before, with the said compounded water; thou shalt have a great Elixer, converting every Metall into most pure Gold.

This work may be done in twelve weeks: but it is not good for the health of Mans body. *It is no medicine*

In the same manner with the ferment of *Lune* altered, thou mayst fix the white Earth of *Vitriol*, and of *Mars* altered, which are reduced into Oyl with the foresaid Virgins Milk, being equally mixed with water *of* common *Mercury*, sublimed, fixed, and calcined, *but it is not good for the health of Mans body.*

D fo

— so hast thou the best Elixer
 — to convert all Bodies into
 — most pure *Lune*.

The Second Abbreviation.

IF thou canst artificially
 prepare the aforesaid
 & *Simpl* white or red water, thou
 & *Dupl* mayst farr sooner attain the
 & end of the work. First there-
 69 — fore fix Mercury sublimed,
 — and calcine it, and then dis-
 — solve it in the other Mercury
but: & white or red, untill they be
 — made one water: purifie this
 — water three weeks, and it
 — will alter the calxes of any
 — Metall; for in this work is
 joyned

joyned a twofold Water,
namely, natural and against
nature. *Ibid: 5 and 6*

The way to fix *Mercury* sublimed, is thus : First sublime *Mercury* ; if there be half a pound of it, joyn hereto half a pound of *Saltpeter*, and as much of *Vitriol*, grinding and tempering the mixture with distilled *Acetum*, till all become like white Paste ; when they are thus incorporated, sublime seven times, that of his own accord he may be clear, then fix it in this manner : put two or three pound in a long receiver, stop the mouth, place it in ashes, so as the Globe may be whol'y covered; the first week, give it a gentle
D 2 fire;

fire; the second week stronger, and the third most strong: this done, it shall be very well fixed. Again, dissolve it in Virgins Milk^{but}, after the foresaid way and order; if thou wantest money, thou mayst obtain a branch or particular, in farr shorter time;

Thus, take the foresaid white compoundèd Mercury, and fix it upon the calx of *Lune*, not altered by circulating it thereon, and when one part is fixed, add more, repeating it often, untill the calx it self melt like Butter on a fiery Cole.

One part thereof projected upon ten of Mercury purged, maketh good *Lune* for

for Vessels and Household-
Ornaments. This self-same
way thou mayst handle our
red Mercuries composition,
being made as before with
the said water extracted
from Mercury sublimed, fix-
ed, calcined, and dissolved
in the said red Water, so as
it be then calcined upon the
calx of *Sol* not altered, and
thou hast the best tincture
to convert *Lune* into *Sol*,
whereof Rings and other
things may be made.

Poll says that calcined
Egg Shells are the fixest
y in nature.

and the strongest principle
of vitrification.

The Third Abbreviation.

Put into a Circulatory,
an ounce of the calx of
63. the Egg-shells very well re-
verberated, and pour there-
upon of white or red ^{but} Mercury
to cover it; then nip the
glass, or stop it close with
lute made of powder of Iron,
— Vitriol, and Honey, well
— boyled together, circulating
— in balneo, till it be dryed up
— into powder.

This done, pour in more,
observing the same order,
untill it be made oyl; This
converts Mercury, and the
other

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way: of Philosophy. M 55

other Metalls into most perfect Sol and Lune, according to the nature and disposition of the Elixer.

After the same manner thou mayst circulate our but: & Mercury upon the Calxes of Sol, D, Metals. There can be no way shorter than this; for if thou put an ounce of calx of Sol with Mercury, before likewise fixed, and pour thereto as much red Mercury as may cover the calx two fingers breadth, then stop it close with PASTE compounded with Hony, Bolearmenick, and Iron dust, mix'd and strongly tempered and boyled, till it be stiff and black. *a good Lutum made of honey, bole, and Iron dust, D. 4 boyled together*

*Red
so
&
Dupl.*

Then set the circulatory
in a Furnace, and with gentle
heat digest the red *Mer-*
cury into a red and fixed
calx, then adde thereto as
much more of that ^{Red} *Mercury*,
circulate and dry it as be-
fore, till the Calx have drunk
as much *Mercury* as it can,
and be converted into a thick
blackish oyl, and so thou hast
an Elixer which converts
ten parts of *Mercury*, purged
and heated, into a most red
powder dry and fixed, which
if thou also put into a Circu-
latorie with increase, and
digest by imbibition and con-
gealation, as before, it shall
be so much increased in
quantity: And thus thou
mayst multiply this Elixer
infinitely. One

One ounce thereof will —
congeale a hundred of crude —
Mercury into powder; of —
which powder, one ounce —
will convert ten of any metal — *N.*
into most pure *Sol.* —

And this way thou mayst
work with the Calx of *Lune*
and *Mercurie* joyned toge-
ther, so as evaporation be
made by Circulation, and
adding our naturall white *Mercurie*, ^{but:}
untill it be redu-
ced into oyl, preceeding in
all points as in the former,
with the red *Mercurie* upon ^{Red but:}
the calx of *Sol*, and so thou
shalt have a white *Elixer*,
converting all bodies into
most pure and perfect *Lune*.

The Fourth Abbreviation.

calx
of the **T** Ake an ounce of the
 Earth of the quinte-
 sence, smelling most sweetly,
 and an ounce of the *Mercury*
 of Virgins Milk; powder the
 Earth, and joyn it with the
Mercurie. / *of the* /

This way shall be made a
 perfect composition in the
 first order for the white
 Elixer, which by longer
 time and greater fire is redu-
 ced into a red Elixer; put
 therefore the compound in-
 to a blind Urinal (as it is
 call'd) very close stoppt, and
 digest

gest it in dung equally for
15 dayes; then take it out,
and shut it up in a Philoso-
phers Egge, and digest it
in a gentle heat, till it be
black, and so unto perfect
whiteness. This we call
a white Elixer: within this
time, the fire being increa-
fed, will be red, of which
one ounce cements hundreds
of *Mercury* into *Sol*.

To multiply it, take a part
thereof, and joyn it in the
foresaid manner with Vir-
gins milk, digest as before,
unto whiteness, and then un-
to redness.

In this second repetition,
the Projection will be upon
four

four hundred. By this Projection thou mayst multiply it at thy pleasure.

*method of using horse
dung over a lb. M:
The Fifth Abbreviation.*

Dissolve the red Calx
of Sol and Mercurie in
the first most strong Corro-
sive composed of Salt-Peter
and Vitriol the common
way; put the solution in a
pellican in balneo, drawing
off the one half, then stop
it most close, dry it up with
a gentle heat; then add more
of the Corrosive, observing
the foresaid order, in dissol-
ving,

it must be R. /

ving, evaporating and con-
gealing ten times, untill the
Corrosive cease to arise;
which is then done, when
by no fire it can be fixed into
powder, but remaineth like
oyl and thick.

This *Elixer* converts *Mer-*
cury, and every metall into
most perfect *Sol*; This work
ought to be done in a Circu-
latory placed in an Earthen
Pot, wherein it must stand
covered with dung to the
middle; This Pot must be
full of holes in the bottome,
and must be placed upon
the mouth of a Copper Vef-
sell half fill'd with hot wa-
ter, as a Copper Vessell is
placed of a Furnace, where-
in fire must be made to be

con-

- continued discreetly for necessity of digestion.

This Experiment is called
Rustum.

*concerning The Red But: vide
Jugels Kunst Buch.*

Of the Minerall Stone.

of white or Red But. &c.

GOD is wonderfull in his Works, who is Vertue, teaching the Truth.

Take in this name the
of Mercury white or red, simple or compounded, and dissolve therein five stones of the Sea; Doing in all things as you did in Vitriol, and thou shalt

Thalt have the great *Elixer*,

By the same way of u-
trifaction, all Mineralls may
be altered, and so of every
fixed thing (a due matter be-
ing added) may be made an
Elixer, for our *Mercury white* ^{but}
and red must be joyned with ⁵
fixed things which want
Mercury; and this way the
Metalline Bodies may be
brought into a metalline
form, namely a Vitrified
Powder, as also *Egg-shells*, ⁵⁴
which when they are per-
fectly calcined, will endure
fire more than *Sol*; and
thereof being well and arti-
ficially ting'd, Philosophers
have made *Sol* in the space
of one day, which Nature
cannot do under-ground in a
thou-

thousand years : A thing
hard and incredible to the
unlearned ; yet true and
most certain, and confirmed
by the Testimony of many
men.

Be thou therefore not so-
licitous or curious in choo-
sing thine Earth, so that it be
of a Metalline Nature, and
induring the Fire.

Hereby Glasse is made
malleable, and by meanes of
this Tincture, is converted
into transparent and fixed
Mettal, whereby it appear-
eth, that this Science is pos-
sible.

For there is no Earth
which doth more easily em-
brace the Spirituality of our
Mercury, than that which is
but: 8 most

most deprived of *Mercury*,
and *moisture*; which *Priva-*
tion thou shalt not find in
Bodies of another Nature,
although yet they be very
much calcined.

Wherefore it appeareth
manifestly, that seeing *Sol*
and *Lune*, are nothing else
but *Earth*, Red and White, *p. 2*
wherein a most pure *Mer-*
cury is fixed and joyned by
the least parts, that *Philoso-*
phers (having the same Ele-
ments) may artificially imi-
tate Nature in her Compo-
sition under the Earth, to
produce the same effect: for
it is certain, that *Earth* may
be fermented to *Water*, so
as it be fixed; and *Water*
fermented to *Earth*, if it be
perfect

perfect and cleansed; and
 this without the help of any
 common *Sol* or *Lune*: And
 therefore *Philosophers* in their
 Writings have taught, that
 the Stone is equally common
 both to the Poor and Rich.

These things considered,
 thou shalt understand, that
 our Stone lyeth hidden, and
 secretly lurketh, often in
 places least suspected, and
 nothing esteemed, whose
 matter and nearness, if it
 should be known, would
 produce most great dan-
 ger.

It is to be noted, that the
Philosophers have found out
 divers wayes of handling
 this one thing: But I answer
 for them all, and briefly

con-

conclude, That our Earth—
doth drink up and fix our—
Mercury; and that this *Mer-*—*but:*
cury doth wash and ting our—
Earth, and so doth perfect it—
into the Stone, without any—
further ferment. *but: to NB*

For the white *Mercury*—
giveth a most perfect Tin-—
cture of *Lune*; and the Red *NB.*
Mercury of *Sol*: Therefore,
when they are fixed in con-
venient Earths, they make
Sol and *Lune*, without the
help of common Gold and
Silver. Behold thou un-
derstandest this Tincture,
which we draw out from a
† vile thing of no price: yet
note, that he that hath Salt—
in his Breast, may ferment—
this Tincture with common—
Gold

— Gold, whereby he may obtain incomparable Riches, yet with Wisdom, with most great Cost, and not without danger.

— For from Sol alone, by means of this Tincture, *but* which is our burning Wine, is made a most pretious and a most perfect Elixer, white and red; for it rejoyceth in fulness of white and red Sulpher, whereby may be made most perfect Silver.

Of this Work, I have written more fully in my Seventh Book; wherein I Treat of the manifold plenty of Gold, and of the greatest Elixer of Life: But here also I will briefly touch it. Understand therefore, that it
be-

behoveth thee to alter the —
Calx of Gold (with the —
foresaid Stone, equally mix'd —
with the Water of Mercuri- 30
y, sublimed and perfectly —
fixed) into most white and —
fixed Sulpher. —

Then calcine it well, that
the strength and poyson of
the Fire against Nature put
to it, do halten to Putrifacti-
on and alteration, may be ut-
terly destroyed.

Then imbibe it with the
foresaid simple Milk, untill ⁷ *impl:*
the Calx it self have drunk *the*
up a reasonable quantity *white*
thereof, and that it be fix-
ed. *oo*

Dissolve it again with the
same Milk, and make it vola-
tile ; afterwards fix and cal-
cine

cine, and then bring it into Oyl, with a little part of that Virgins Milk by circulation, and so it shall be a perfect Elixer, converting *Mercury*, and each imperfect Metall, into most perfect *Lune*: and by the same way, thou mayst rubifie the other part with our Red *Mercury*, by fixing and calcining, and afterward dissolving it with the same Red Menstruum; and at last by circulating it into a thick Oyl, which we call potable Gold, a curing and preserving Exixer of Life, and of Metals.

Know also, That if our Red *Mercury* equally with *Mercury* sublimed and fixed, be circulated with Lutrie, Vitriol,

Vitriol, or Iron, before and after Rubification, be digested into Oyl, it will convert thine Lamins, of *Lune* nealed and injected into pure *Sol*, which if thou afterward taketh out, it will serve for all need to live withall.

It is a general Rule, That if thou wilt be a Master of this Art, it is needful to make all Medicines gumous and fusible, melting like wax of their own accord, without Fume, upon a Plate nealed.

For by this means, each part will follow the other in Projection and will joyntly dilate themselves through the Pores of the Metal, without any disjunction: but if
any

any part be ponderous, it will separate the parts of the Metal, & make it brittle.

Therefore the Medicine must be often subtilated, after that it is perfectly fixed, that at least it may be an incombustible Oyl, and rather may be called a *Species*, then a *Genus*, because it is nothing else but a fixed Tincture of Colour.

If (this thing observed) thou canst prepare thy Medicine thus, thou shalt make fair Metals, and malleable, or else not.

— Also here understand, two
— Bodies to be dissolved with
— the Natural Menstruum, is
— always the second Calx, not
— the first; and therefore it
— be-

behoveth thee to dissolve
Calx of Mettals with a com-
pound *Mercury*, as before is
taught, that they may sooner
putrifie, and be altered into
the second Calx (which we
call *Sulpher of Nature*, and
Foliated Earth) which we
then dissolve and circulate
into Oyl, with a Simple
Menstruum; namely, Na-
tural.

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The

The Calcination of Met-
tals.

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NOW learn how Met-
tals are to be calcined:
Know therefore, that *Saturn*
and *Jupiter* we calcine onely
one way, which is this: Put
either of them into a great
Iron Vessel, and in the Fire,
so that the Flame may beat
upon the Mettal; and draw
off the Scum with an Iron
Rake, to the sides of the
Vessel, stirring it often, until
it grow white; then searse
it, & gather the subtile Pow-
der; one Ounce is sufficient
for thee.

Sprinkle

♀ ♂ Sprinkle *Venus* and *Mars*
with the best *Viniger* well
distilled, that they may ga-
ther Rust: burn this with
most strong Fire in an Iron
Dish; when it is red-hot,
cool it in the best *Acetum*,
evaporate that *Acetum*, and
gather a most red Earth;
which dry, and keep safe-
ly.

or
Amalgame *Sol* and *Lune*,
and grind it on a Marble
with Powder of Salt, pre-
pared without any moisture,
untill no *Mercury* appear:
then sublime and evaporate
the *Mercury* with strong fire;
grind that in the bottome in-
to most subtile Powder, and
sublime, untill no *Mercury*
remain with it; wash the

Calx with hot Water, to take away the Salt; dry it, and thou shalt have a Calx more subtile then Meal.

Another way is thus: Take thin Lamins of Sol, Neal and cast them into Mercury, heated on hot Ashes; so the Mercury will drink up the Sol.

Note, That every Ounce of Sol requireth four and twenty Ounces of Mercury; put this a malgame in a large Glass; bury it in Sand in a great Furnace, give it Fire by degrees; after the sixth hour make it vehement: continue this heat five dayes and nights, at each hour putting down the Mercury which ascendeth, with a linnen Cloth, bound with a little

the Iron Rod, and stopping
the Glass with Lute, till at—
last all become a Powder—
redder then Blood, which—
then we call the first Calx,—
good and perfect; with—
which, if you mix Fire of
Nature, to use his Vertues,
as it requireth, thou canst not
erre in this Science.

Δ of Nature, i. e. the
Red Calx: p. 30, 31.

The Recapitulation.

I Have told out of what,
and how thou shalt make
our Mercury white and red,
and how this Mercury is to
be actuated and sharpned;
how thou shalt prepare

E 3 Calx,

Calx, how to purifie and alter them into a new Whiteness, which we call our *Mercury* sublimed; how to abbreviate the time of Putrifaction and Alteration; how to fix and dissolve again, and then how to circulate into a white and red Elixer; how by Imbibitions, with proper Waters white and red, they may be infinitely multiplied to an incredible profit.

Learn therefore *Patience*, fear God and love him, keep these Secrets, and then the Lord will bleſs thine Endeavours.

Saint *Dunſtan* lived, and was Archbishop of *Canterbury*, in the Reign of King *Edgar*, and *Etheldred* his Son,

as appeareth by an Antient
Monument yet extant, in St.
Paul's Church in London,
containing a Prophecie in
these Words :

now in Westminster abby.

Here lyeth Etheldred
King of England, Son
of King Edgar; to whom (on
the Day of his Consecration,
after his Coronation) it is re-
ported, that St. Dunstan, Arch-
bishop of Canterbury, Prophe-
cied openly this Curse ;

Because thou hast aspired to
the Kingdom, by the Death of
thy Brother ; in whose Blood,
the English, with thy infamous
Mother, have conspired, the
Sword shall not depart from thy
House, but shall be against Thee.

all the Dayes of thy Life, destroying thy Seed, untill thy Kingdom be transferred to another Kingdom, whose King and Language the Nation, over whom thou Reignest knowest not: Neither shall thy Sin, and the Sin of thy Mother, and the Sin of those men, who were necessary to that wicked Council be expiated, but by a long Revenge.

Which Things came to pass, as were fore-told by that Holy Man: For Etheldred having been in divers Battles miserably vexed, and put to flight by King Swans-Danſh and his Son, and at last straitly Besieged, and shut

shut up in *London*; He there miserably dyed, in the Year of our Lord, 1017. after he had Reigned 36. Years in great Tribulation.

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DUNSTAN of the

*Stone of the Philosophers ;
with the Experiments of
Rumelius of New-Mar-
ket.*

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with yulden fortz.

TAKE of the best red
transparent oar of gold,
as much as you can have,
drive its Spirit from it
through a Retort ; this is the
Azoth and the *Acetum* of
Philosophers, from its pro-
per minera, which openeth
radi-

This is the Tree, which is cut off, of unwholesome Fruits, on which must be inoculated the twiggs of Sol.

IV.

Take of that Earth which lyeth waste in the Field, found every where in Moorish grounds, into which the Astrals ejaculate their operations, being adorned with all manner of Colours, appearing like a Rainbow; extract from it its purest and subtillest. This is the Universal *Menstruum* for all; and is all in all.

V.

Basilius valentinus

Take of the Oar of *Sol* and *Mercurie* a like quantity, grinde each very well, pour on it the Spirit of *Mercurie*, that it stand over 3. fingers deep ; dissolve and digest it in a gentle warmth.

VI.

Take of the best *Vitriol*, or of the *Vitriol* of *Venus*, drive their Spirits in a Retort, white and red ; with this red Spirit being rectified and sweetned, you may ferment and imbibe the subtile Gold Calx, and with the white Spirit you may dissolve

solve it after it hath been purified.

VII.

Take quick *Mercurie*, purifie and dissolve it so long in alcolifated spirit of Wine, till its impurity be separated from it, and become into its extream transparent easie fluid essence; like unto the white gluten of the Eagle, and capable to receive the blood of the Red Lyon. $\odot \odot$

VIII.

Extract the salt of the crude and white calcined Tartar, Purifie and Clarifie it.

it as often, till it be as bright
as the tear of the Eye, and
can be brought no higher;
therewith you may sharpen
its own spirit of Wine,
which dissolveth Sol and
Lune. *for a medicine only,
not for Metals.*

IX.

Take of the ranck poiso-
nous matter or stone, called
Kerg Swaden, exuvia, or
husks of the Metals, drive
its spirit very circumspectly,
receive it so, that it may
turn unto water, it redu-
ceth all metalls to a potable-
ness.

X.

Take of the ayre or heavenly dew, being well purified, ten parts, and of subtile Gold Calx one part, set it in digestion, dissolve and coagulate it.

XI.

Take the Urine of a wholesome Man, that drank meerly Wine, make of it, according to Art, the Salt of Microcosme, purifie it very well, which doth so much accuate the Spirit of Wine, that it dissolve *Sol* in a moment.

XII.

XII.

Take of the best Oar of Gold, pulverise it very well, seal it with *Hermes* his Seal, set it so long into the vaporous fire, till you see it spring up and grow a white and red Rose.

XIII.

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This last Experiment he calleth the *Light*. Take in the Name of the Lord, of *Hungarisk* Gold, which hath been cast thrice thorow *Antimony*, and be laminated most thinly, as much of it as you will, and make with quick *Mercury* an a Malgame, then ca'cine

Red animated Sopher

calcine it most subtilly, with flowers of Sulpher, and spirit of Wine burnt, as often, till there remaineth a fair subtile Gold Calx, of a purple colour. Take one part of it, and two parts of the above mentioned red matter, grind it very well together for an hour on a warmed Marble, then cement and calcine well by degrees for three hours in a circle fire. This work must be Iterated three times, then pour on it of the best rectified spirit, that it stand over it three fingers deep; set it in a gentle and warm digestion, for six dayes to be extracted, then the Spirit of Wine will be ting'd as deep as blood;
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cant of that tincture, and pour on another, as long as it will tinge it; put all these ting'd Spirits of Wine into a Violl, so that the fourth part only be fill'd, and seal it hermetically, set it on the vaporous fire of the first degree, let it be of that heat as hot as the Sun shineth in July; let it stand thus for forty dayes, then you shall obtain your wish.

The Author recommendeth this last Experiment very highly, affirming upon his experimental practice, that this *aurum Potabile* is the highest Medicine next unto the universal, and being taken in appropriated vehicles,
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Cureth all Diseases, without causing any pains at all.

Item, With this *Aurum Potabile* is Antimony prepared, so that it purgeth only downwards, and carrieth forth all ill humours without molestation, and is called the *purging Gold*; hence are his *Pills of Gold*.

It is prepared also by the help of *Antimony* into a diaphoretick gold, to expell by sweating all malignant humours; and *Mercurius vita* is made also with this potable gold (if it be kept in a long digestion), their dose is according to the Quality of the person.

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*Some Principall
Preparations*

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ANGELO SALA.

TAke of Sugar one
ounce, of Rosewater
one spoonful, boyl these in
a Skillet, till it afford a small
thred at the pouring forth;
take it off the fire, being cold
pour to it one scruple of
Annis oyl, pour it on a
a Trencher; this serveth
against phlegme.

A Purge of his.

Take of the best Rhubarb,
 Mechoacan ana one dram,
 of *Andromachus* his Treacle
 one scruple; infuse these
 over-night in Wine, cant
 it off, and let the party
 drink it, and fast three hours
 upon it; it purgeth down-
 ward gently.

Hidromel, or Metheglin.

go with me now

Take of the odoriferous
 crude Honey one part, of
 Fountain water six parts,
 boyl these, do not scum it,
 stirring it continually with a
 wooden Spatule, let it not
 settle to the bottom, boyl it
 away

to the third part, then take it away from the fire, let it grow cold, strain it through a cloth, barrell it, hang into two drams of Ginger, and one grain of Musk, then stop it very well, set it in the Sun or warm place for 6. weeks, thus the pure separateth from the impure; draw it off into a clean vessel, stop it well, it will keep long, the staler it is, the better it is.

The use of it; This Liquor tasteth & smelleth like Malmesey, & is good for such as have a short breath, and are troubled with a Puffick; it is of an abstergent and lenifying quality, it purgeth the Breast and Reins, cutteth phlegme

phlegme very much, preserveth the vigour of the radical moisture.

A Water for the Tooth-ache.

Take of the Greek Pyretrum, of the root of Masterwort, and Angelico, *ana* one ounce; of Dragons blood, of calcined Lead, of each two ounces; of simply distill'd Vinegar two pound; infuse and extract its substance, in a warm place for a fennight; then adde to it one ounce of *Niter*, dip into it Cotton Wooll; apply and hold it to the place affected, it allayeth the Flux, and healeth all Infirmities,
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and stayeth the Rheum; it mundifieth the gums, it car-nifieth, sicatrizeth, and con-solidateth, and instantly al-layeth the pains of the teeth.

Balsom of Tobacco.

Take spirit of Turpentine, spirit of Juniper, of each one pound; of *Indie* Tobac-co leaves six ounces; infuse and circulate it for a sen-night, and press it out in the press, it cureth all wounds in 24. hours.

A Stomachical Aqua-vita.

Take of cut *Galanga* four ounces; of *Ambergreece* four grains, of rectified *Aqua-*

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vita 20 ounces, infuse these for a fennight, caut it off, dissolve as much Sugar in it, as you may; it is good for a weak Stomach, for the Cholicke and griping in the Guts.

*Aqua-Theriacalis, Against
the Plague.*

Take of *Andromachus* his Treacle two ounces, of the root of Angelica, and Masterwort, of each one ounce, of calcined red Corals (which are calcined between two Crucibles, for six or eight hours in a strong fire) four ounces; of Flowers of Sulphur one ounce, of rectified *Aqua-vita* three pound:

pound : infuse these for four days, and extract, then add to it of rectified spirit of Vitriol one drachm ; one drachm of this used, serveth against all cold Defluxious, Megrums, Giddiness.

Pills for the Head, comforting and strengthening the Brains, which defend the same against Corruptions.

Take wild Thyme four ounces ; of white Agarick, of the best Rhubarb, of each 3. ounces ; of Spick, Ginger, Galanga, of each one dram ; of rectified *Aqua-vita* 15 ounces : infuse these for a fennight, caut it off, and press it out as much as you

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can; then take of wash'd
Alloes Succorina six ounces:
boyl it in a glazed Pot or
Pan, to the thicknes of Pitch,
mingle one scruple of Saf-
fron, and 5. grains of Musk,
keep it in a Leaden Box. It
is to be used after Supper
from one scruple to one
dram; take it in a new laid
Egg, or in Wine made up
into Pills, purgeth gently,
expels Wind.

For the Gowt.

Roast a sweet Apple in
hot embers, and the flowers
of *Cassia*, of a like quantity,
imbibe it with a Womans
milk, make a cataplasme; it
is a certain lenitive against
the

the tormenting pains of the
Gout.

*A laxative Conserve of
Roses.*

Take of old Conserve of
Roses two ounces, of *Diag-
ridium* one drachm and a
half; of Cinamom, of Cloves,
of each one scruple; of spi-
rit of Wine, one dram; of
spirit of *Vitriol*, ten drops;
of the best Musk 3. grains:
make an Electuary accord-
ing to Art, without fire, in a
glass Mortar; and when it
worketh too dry, or grow-
eth too dry, then put to it
some Julip of Roses, and
keep it in a Venice glass: its
Vertue is to purge without

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any detriment, it consumeth all superfluous humiditie of the body; its dose is even to half an ounce, to be taken fasting.

*A Compound extract of
Diagridium.*

Take of the best *Diagridium* two ounces, of the root of *Mechoacan* four ounces, of *Galanga*, of *Cinamom*, of each one drachm, of white Ginger half an ounce, of oriental Saffron half a dram, of Musk five grains: Beat these and infuse them in *Aqua-vitæ*; extract and express according to Art: then reduce it to a viscous matter, then adde of *Salgema* half

half a scruple to each dram,
and keep it in a Glass. Its
dose is from five to eight
grains, in wine or broth; it
purgeth the Body without
danger.

A Confection of Diagridium.

Take of the Compound
extract of *Diagridium* six
drams, of the powder of
Diacorels two drachms, of
white Sugar three ounces;
of Baulm water a sufficient
quantity; Make Lozenges,
and keep them in a Glass
well stoppt. It purgeth the
Body without hurt, and is
very good against abound-
ing humors; it purgeth the
Brains and Back, and pur-

geth the whites, and running of the Reins, let the cause be what it will ; it is good against the Dropsie, and such like symptoms. Its dose is from 2. scruples to 3, and is to be taken fasting.

A Laxative Unguent.

Take *Alloes Heppatick*, of *Mirr*, of each six ounces, of *Coloquint*, of *Agarick*, of *Scamonie*, of each one ounce and a half; of *Sallet oyl* 24 ounces; of *Goats suet* six ounces; of old wine four pound ; All these beaten grossly : Then boyl them gently in Wine in a glazed Pot, keep close the Oyl and Suet, till the Wine be consumed,

sumed, then strain and keep it.

But if you will prepare it better, first boyl them, then set it in purification, in warm horse dung, for a whole month, then separate it, as above: If the Belly be annoyed warm with it, and then a warm cloth upon it, it pargeth the body from abounding humours; it kills the Worms, and operateth in other wayes.

Our Dragons Blood.

Take of rectified *Mercury*
12 ounces, of lamins of steel
3. ounces; put these into a
Urinal well luted, and pre-
cipitate according to Art,

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iterating it a second time;
then take it out of the Vessel,
put it into an Earthen Pan or Glass,
kindle five or six times *Aqua-vitæ* on it;
then being dried, keep it for use:
This is our Dragons Blood, which
purgeth upward without any danger.
Its dose is seven grains even unto ten,
in Conserve of Roses, or Conserve of Baulm.
It must be taken mornings fasting,
and drink some wine after it.

*A Sweet Confection of
Diadragon.*

Take of our Dragons
Blood six drachms, of the
salt of Red Corals, and
Pearls,

Pearls, of each two scruples;
of Saffron, Galanga, Cinnamon, of each one scruple;
of the best Musk and Ambergreece, of each 6. grains,
of white Sugar six ounces,
of a sufficient quantity of
Rosewater.

Let the Sugar be boyled
to the thickness of *Manus Christi*, in an Iron Pan, then
adde the other Ingredients,
and make rolls, which are
kept close in a glass; This
Confection may be used in
all Diseases where there is
need of purging; it attracteth
from the Remoter parts,
cuts Phlegme and Humours,
where it is needful. Its
dose is from one drachm to
two, fasting: There is no
better

better Purge for Quartan
and Tertian Agues; and is
Medicinal against the Pox.

*The bitter Confection of
Diadaragon.*

Take of our Dragons
Blood six drachms; of the
Salt of red Corals, of Mo-
ther of Pearls, of each two
scruples; of Cloves half a
drachm, of Saffron half a
scruple; of *Aloes Succarina*
two scruples; of Sugar six
ounces; a sufficient quantity
of Marjoram water; make
a Confection, as above: It
may be used against such
Diseases, where Amber and
Musk cannot be used, and
where no sweet things are
admitted.

Head

Head Pills.

Take of fresh Tyme (*Epi-
thimus*) four ounces ; of the
best Rhubarb, of Mechoa-
can, of white *Agarick*, of each
two ounces ; of *Galanga*, of
Cloves, of each 2. drams ; of
Marjoram one handful ; of
Musk, of Ambergreece, of
each 5. grains : Beat these,
except the Musk and Am-
bergreece, then according
to Art make an Extract, with
Aqua-vita, to a solid form ;
then adde *Ambergreece* and
Musk, then add the powder
of Mastix, and the powder of
Amber, of each one dram
and a half ; make a masse,
keep it in a glass or leaden
Box. Its dose is one scru-
ple, to be used after Supper,

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or mornings, fasting; they purge without any danger, and may be used severall times, against several Infirmities of the Head.

Conserve of dry Roses.

Take the subtile powder of red Roses one ounce, of Rosewater 3. ounces, of the spirit of white *Vitriol* one drachm, of the best Musk and Ambergreece, of each one grain, of white Sugar 12 ounces; infuse the Roses in Rosewater and the spirit of *Vitriol*, keep them in maceration for 4. hours, in a glass, then boyl the Sugar with the Rosewater, to the consistence of *Manna Christi*,

Christi, then incorporate with them the Musk and Amber-greece in a glasse Morter: Thus is your Conserve prepared, which is sufficiently red and odoriferous: This sort of Conserve is more effectual than those which are prepared in the vulgar way, especially where strengthening is needfull, by reason of the spirit of *Vitriol*; and the older this Conserve is, the better it is.

Eleduary of Diacorals.

Take of our Conserve of Roses 12 ounces, of the salt of red Corals 2. rams, of pulverised Orris, and of pulverised red Santals, of each.

each one dram ; of Rose
Julep two ounces ; make an
Electuary without fire in a
glass Mortar, keep it well
closed ; it is good against the
Chollick, and illiac passion,
provoketh Urine, and corro-
borates the whole body ; it
mundifieth the reins and
panicles of the brains, and
subrillateth the blood by its
mundifying quality ; and it
is a very good astringent af-
ter purging, and consequent-
ly it is admirable good for
the superfluous courses of
women, as well of the white
as of the red ; yet so, that
the party be first purged.
Its dose is from one dram
to two at once, to be used
fasting.

An Eleuary for the Stomach.

Take of our Conserve
of Roses, of Conserve of
Baulm, of each 3. ounces;
of the pulp of Quinces two
pound; of skim'd noney four
ounces; of Spirit of Vitriol 20
drops; of Galanga, of Cina-
mon, of each half an ounce;
It is best to incorporate it in
a Glass; It serveth to com-
fort the stomach, being
weakned by superfluous hu-
mours; it strengtheneth and
exhilerateth the heart, if
continually used. Its dose is
half an ounce, at a time, to
be taken mornings fasting.

Eleuary.

Electuary Therebininated.

Take of the whitest pulverised Sugar six ounces, of most subtilly pulverised Orras, and powder of Mastix, of each one dram; of Syrup of Cinamom three ounces; Let all these be incorporated in a glass Mortar; then add of the spirit of Turpentine one drachm, of oyl of Nutmegs 5. drops; keep it in a glass. This is an excellent Electuary to cut tough and viscus phlegme in the stomach and breast; therefore it is good for those that are Rhumatick, and short breathed, it purgeth the Reins, and provoketh urine; being

being obstructed by gross viscus humors ; it may serve also against many infirmities and corruptions conceived in the womb : It is of a digestive evacuating and mundifying quality, and consolidateth also ; its dose is from one dram to two, at evening to be taken going to bed.

A Confection against the Hart-ake.

Take of the fiderial Powder, one ounce ; of white Sugar six ounces, a sufficient quantity of *Marjoram* water. Make *Lozenges* of it, they are admirable good for the aking of the heart: its dose is,

as occasion serveth, from two scruples, to foure scruples, more or lesse, as the Physitian shall direct, and it may be ministred at all times; but the party should use it continually, then let it be taken mornings fasting.

An Antidote for the Womb.

Take of *Pulegium Sylvestre*, four ounces; of *Mugwort* two ounces; of *Galanga*, *Ginger*, of each an ounce. Make an extract with these, with *Aquavita*, according to Art, to the consistence of Hony, and keep it in a Glasse, adding to each dram, half a scruple of vegetable Salt. Its
dose

dose is six grains, in water of *Mugwort*. It provoketh the Courses of Women strongly, therefore make use of it circumspectly.

An Antidote against the suffocation of the womb.

Take of the Extract of *Castorium* 2. ounces, of the Extract of the Root of *Peony* 1 ounce; of the Magistery of the Mother of Pearls, and Corals, of each one dram; of subtilly pulverised *Craine*, *Humany* two drams; of *Saffron orientall*, half a dram; of *Rectified Oyl of Amber* two scruples, incorporate these in a Glass Mortar, and stop close, keep it. It is of an admirable efficacy, for the suffocation

tion of the womb; its use is fasting, and may be continued for eight dayes, or as long as there is occasion for it: Its dose is half a scruple, and are to be made into Pills: it may be ministred also in water of *Marjoram* and *Pyony*.

A Powder of Diacorels.

Take of Red Roses two ounces and a half; of the Salt of *Coralls*, half an ounce; of the Spirit of *Vitriol*, two drams; of *Sugar-Candy*, one dram; of *Ambergrease* and *Musk*, of each four grains.

Make a Powder according to Art, and keep it well stopt in a Glasse. This Powder

der is good against Convulsions, and pains of the heart; it strengtheneth the brains, and subtileth the blood, and maketh the heart glad, and causeth a good digestion in the stomach. Its dose is half a dram, in Wine, or other proper Vehicle.

A Confection of Diacoralls.

Take of the Powder of *Diacoralls* two drams; of the Spirit of white *Vitriol*, two scruples; of white Sugar two ounces, and a sufficient quantity of *Rose-water*. Let the Sugar be boyled to the consistence of *Manus Christi*, put in a Glasse in warm Sand, then add the Powder

to it, afterward the spirit of *Vitriol*, then cast it forth into Tablets, and keep them in a Box of Wood, this confection is a true Conservative of mans body: It is of an admirable vertue. Its dose is half a dram, which is to be taken fasting.

A pretious Antidote.

Take of our pretious *Magisterium* of *Extractum le Zourdicum*, of each two drams: of our pretious golden *Bezourd*, of our golden *Cordiel Electrum*, of the Extract of *Opium Thebaicum*, prepared with the juyce of *Lemons*, of each one dram; of *Ambergrease* two scruples, and

and fifteen grains of pure Musk, *gr. 6.* of the whitest Sugar an ounce: the dry Ingredients must be well grounded on a Marble; for two or three hours, to an impulpable Powder.

A Balsum of Treacle:

Take of the Treacle of *Andromachus* four ounces, of the Root of *Masterwort*, *Angelico*, *Pimpinella*, *Tormentilla*, of each an ounce, of *Galinga*, of *Ginger*, of each six drams, of the Salt of *Rede Coralis*, and orientall Pearls, of the *Lemnian Earth*, of each half an ounce; of *Orientall Saffron*, one dram; of *Camphire* one scruple; of the
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best Musk, and of *Ambergrease*, of each half a scruple; of the spirit of *Turpentine*, and of the spirit of *Juniper-berries*, of each ten ounces, of the best *Aqua-vitæ* two pound, infuse all according to Art, put it in a Glasse, lute it, let it circulate in a Balny, for a month, then separate the two Liquors, one from another. This Balsom looks very red, and then this *Aqua vitæ*, is deservedly called the Mother of the Balsom, both are very good against all Infirmities, and are admirable good against the Plague; the Balsom is for inward use, half a scruple, and of the water one dram. Both cause sweat & Urine.

*A Magisterie of Coralls and
Pearls.*

We have an Universall way to make the *Magisterium*, not onely of Pearls and Coralls, but of all other Gems. And this operation is performed only by the help of our Phylosophick *Aqua-vitæ*: we will tell you the manner how you ought to proceed about the Magisterie of Coralls, which shall be the Patern to proceed also with the rest.

Take of the Powder of red Coralls, six ounces, of our *Aqua-vitæ*, twelve ounces. Let the Coralls be infused in the *Aqua-vitæ*, and let them

be dissolved therein into a clear water. Then separate the pure from the impure, by inclination, taking heed that you do not stir the *feces*; then take this dissolution, set it in ashes in an Urinall well luted, distill the Spirits and flegme from it, so that a dry matter be left in the bottom of the Vessel; take out that, and set it into a moyst place, which in a short time, will wholly be dissolved, leaving some earthlines of no value; take this Liquor, set it in Sand, so that the humidity being dissolved into fumes, may have a dry matter behind. Take it out of the Vessel, add a triple quantity of Spirit of Wine to it,

it, or *Aqua-vitæ*, which is thrice rectified; Set it on circulating in a gentle heat, for a moneth, either into a balny, or at the Sun, and it will yield some Sediment; separate the clear by inclination, and in a balny, separate the Spirit and Phlegme, and in the bottom of the Vessel remaineth the Magisterie, in the form of a mucilaginous Oyl, and this is the true *Prima Materia*; and thus you have the Magisterie of Coralls, which looketh very white, but the Magisterie of Pearls, cometh near to the colour of Gold, Thus you may proceed with all precious Stones which our *Menstruum* dissolveth into a

clear water. The Vertues of these *Magisteriums*, cannot so easily be described. Their Dose is from three grains to five, and the use of it may be continued as long as there is need of, and that without danger. It is ministered in Wine, Broth, or distilled water. Electuary, or Confections, even as the Physician shall see it convenient.

*The great Magistery of
Vitriol.*

This Magistery is made by means of the four Principall Operations, which are distillation, dissolution, Sublimation, and Circulation.

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*The first operation produceth
this Liquor.*

Take of *Roman Vitriol*, or
any other, which is good, as
much as you please, distill
it in a retort, extracting
onely the spirit and water,
and increase your fire as
much as you can, so that at
last, nothing appear more
in the neck of the Retort,
then let the Receiver grow
cold, take out the Liquor
and keep it: take out the
feces also, or the Colchotar,
for the following separa-
tion.

*The second operation produceth
the Salt.*

Take the foresaid Colchotar, pulverise it very subtilly, dissolve it in common water, and extract according to Art all its Salt, so that all the sharpness be gotten out of the Colchotar Calcine this Salt: dissolve, and coagulate it five times, so that it be very well rectified, still adding the Colchotar left, to the other, but keep the Salt.

*The third operation produceth
Sulpher.*

Take the foresaid Colchotar,

chotar, burn it in a great Crucible, then pulverise it very subtilly, and add a third part of that quantity of Salt *Armonick*; incorporate these two very well, then sublime it very well luted in an Urinall, observing the degrees of fire, and there will appear in the Alembick, a yellowish matter; continue the fire, when no more fumes come forth out of the Urinall, then let it cool, take out the sublimed matter, put it into common water warmed, that the Salt *Armonick* be extracted, separate the clear water from the *Sediment*; iterate this as often, till all the Salt *Armonick* be extracted, and in the bottom will

will remain the Sulphur of *Vitriol*; of a green colour, which being dryed, keep it.

The fourth Operation affordeth the Magisterium.

Take all the former Liquor, the Salt and Sulphur, joyn these three in a Circulatory very well luted, circulate it in a Balny for a Sennite, then separate the cleare, and distill it in an *Alembick*, in a Balny, so that all the water come over in the bottom, there will remain a green Liquor, which containeth Salt, Sulphur and *Mercury of Vitriol*, which keep, for it is the true *Magisterie of Vitriol*.

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*The Compound water of
Vitriol.*

Take the separated water
in the Balny, from the said
Magisterie, and to each
pound of it, add the follow-
ing Ingredients, viz. take
of rectified *Aqua-vitæ*, two
ounces, of the Root of *Peonie*
half an ounce, of red Roses
of *Balm*, *Marjoram*, of each
one Pugill, put all into a
Balny, into a Circulatory,
for 24. houres, then strain
the Liquor, which will be
very red, then add to each
pound of these, the follow-
ing things of *Cranium huma-*
num one ounce, of *Spodium*
half an ounce, of *Camphore*
half

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half a dram; of *Saffron* half a scruple; of *Ambergrease* two grains; put all these into a *Glasfe*, and circulate it for six weeks continually, then separate by inclination the subtile from the thick, which keep in a *Glasfe* well luted. And this is the most precious *Liquor*, which worketh marvellously, in all the *Spices* of *Convulsions*, and is administered in the following way.

*The use of the Magistery of
Vitriol, and its Compound
Water.*

If you intend to administer such noble Medicaments, which are of such an
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admirable efficacy in the Falling-sickness, then this Order ought to be observed ; Before you begin, you must expect the new Moon, because this Disease is then in its vigour, and then you must proceed in the following manner : First, the sick party must be kept from all such meats and Sents, which occasion and cause such a Disease; However, Wine must not altogether be prohibited. Secondly, you must make an Aromatick, and vitriolized water to be his Diet-drink, when ever he is thirsty between meales; in the mornings fasting, you are to give three or five drops, according to the constitution

stitution of the party; if our green Magisterie, with half a dram of the compound water in *Marjoram* Wine, then the strife will begin against the Disease, and will cause a Vomit to the party of clear water, refresh him after four houres are past. Thirdly, the fit must be observed, and alwayes when the fit is past, you must minister unto him one scruple of the Compound vitriolised water, with *Marjoram* Wine, and if the fit cometh often, then you ought to minister but half a dose, continuing it till the Disease be diminished, which will be about the new Moon. At last, when you see it needfull,

full, minister the Magisterie
once more : in brief, he that
will undertake to cure such
a Disease, must be a Phys-
tician, and not a Woman.

*The Compound Liquor of the
vitriolised Tartar.*

This Lemmon Liquor, by
reason of its temperature,
may very well be used to se-
verall infirmities, and to all
such persons, where there is
need of opening, subtilia-
ting, mundifying, and con-
solidating, and it worketh
by sweat and Urine.

Take of white crude
Tartar, of Viscous *Vitriol*, of
each two drams; beat these
two together, distill them

in a Retort, as much as possible you can, then let the stilling-Vessels grow cold, and take the Liquor out of the Receiver, which is muddy and stinking, poure it on again to the *Caput mort*, in a new Retort well luted, apply a Receiver, and distill again; iterate this work a third time, so that the Liquor be as clear as water: weigh the Liquor, add half its quantity of rectified *Aqua-vitæ* to it, then take of albified Vitriol, and calcined *Tartar*, of each 20. ounces, put all these into a Retort, adding to it all the Liquor, distill as long as any water and Spirits run over, then let the Vessels grow cold,

cold, and keep that Liquor in a well stoppt glass, to which add the following matters :

Therefore take the said Liquor, and add to each pound three drachms of *Sassafras*; of white Ginger two drachms; of Galanga, of Treacle, of Andromachus, one dram and half; of *Oriental Saffron*, six grains, of *Ambergreece* and *Musk*, of each 3. grains. Put all these into a glass, circulate for six weeks in a warm place, or in the Sun, then separate the subtil from the thick, by inclination or decanting, and keep it as a Jewel.

The Vegetable Salt.

Take the *Caput mort* of the said *Tartar* and *Vitriol*, extract its Salt with distill'd common water, coagulate away one moiety, and let it grow cold, to the bottomward you see the transparent salt like *Cristal*, then coagulate the water more, and let it grow cold, continue it so long till all the salt be gotten out; which keep for a Medicinal use.

*The use of the Compound
Liquor of Tartar.*

This Liquor may be used safely against all manner of obstructi-

obstructions of the body, and it is a *Specificum* against the Pox. But its particular operations are against the *Sciatica*, Gout in the hands, *Chollick*, *Illiac Passion*, and against the torments and gripings in the Belly.

The manner of the using of it is this ; You must take mornings an hour before day in the best Wine, then the party must abide in the bed for half an hour, then let him take warm broth, and the party will begin to sweat all the body over, which cometh very easily ; After two or three hours sweating, let him shift himself, and rise out of the bed, and eat some restorative : And this
may

may be used twenty or thirty times more or less, as you shall see occasion, using every fifth day a moderate purgative; in this manner many Chronical Infirmities are cured. Its dose is from two drams to 3. drams in Wine, and the oftner the party maketh use of, the better it will be for him, for it removeth all peccant matter, and reneweth the blood of the whole body.

[The use of the Vegetable Salt.]

This Salt may be ministered with such things which work and operate against the gravel in the Reins, and the Stone in the bladder, because

cause it is very proper for such diseases. Its dose is half a dram at once.

*A Specificum against the
Cholick.*

Take of the spirit of Juniper, and spirit of Turpentine, pour it on *St. Johns-wort*, press it out, add more of the fresh Flowers to it, till it be very red; one scruple of it taken in broth, is an approved Medicament against the Cholick; If *St. Johns-wort* be digested in spirit of Wine for a moneth, then its precious oyl will swim at the top.

The green oyl of Vitriol.

Take of *Vitriol* 2. pound,
put it in an Urinal in a
balny for a month, let it be
dissolved into a transparant
green Liquor, its combusti-
ble Sulphur remaineth in the
bottom, decant the Liquor
from the phlegme, rectifie it
in a balny, then you have the
purging green oyl where-
with you may cure the Fal-
ling-sickness.

F I N I S.





